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| In re application of:                | ) |                              |
| Richard Humpleman, et al.            | ) | Examiner: William L. Bashore |
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| For: Method and Apparatus for a Home | ) | Group Art Unit: 2176         |
| Network Auto-Tree Builder            | ) |                              |
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| Application No.: 10/603,363          | ) | Reply to Final Action        |
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**REPLY TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Action of September 21, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Re-Examination, re-consideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. New matter is not added. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for that purpose.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.